

Table 2a. Average Postsecondary Schooling Costs by Enrollment Level, Sex, Race, Hispanic Origin, Age, Dependency Status, Labor Force Status, and Annual Family Income, 1996-1997: All Students

Characteristic	Postsecondary schooling costs: all students				
	Total enrolled	Enrollment level			
		College years 1 to 2	College years 3 to 4	College years 5 and higher	Vocational, technical, business school, or other
TOTAL, 17 years and older					
Total cost ¹					
Mean (Average)	\$5,509	\$5,676	\$7,538	\$7,362	\$1,765
Standard error	\$123	\$198	\$261	\$376	\$123
Tuition and fees ²					
Mean (Average)	\$4,458	\$4,405	\$5,718	\$5,681	\$1,826
Standard error	\$106	\$169	\$224	\$294	\$131
Books and supplies ²					
Mean (Average)	\$527	\$541	\$556	\$616	\$362
Standard error	\$16	\$20	\$20	\$50	\$57
Room and board ²					
Mean (Average)	\$4,882	\$4,430	\$4,736	\$6,509	\$3,647
Standard error	\$120	\$171	\$159	\$385	\$578
SEX					
Men					
Total cost					
Mean (Average)	\$6,059	\$6,130	\$8,132	\$8,794	\$1,779
Standard error	\$200	\$312	\$407	\$638	\$198
Tuition and fees					
Mean (Average)	\$4,867	\$4,759	\$6,078	\$6,521	\$1,903
Standard error	\$167	\$266	\$343	\$472	\$208
Books and supplies					
Mean (Average)	\$559	\$536	\$568	\$686	\$473
Standard error	\$29	\$22	\$37	\$85	\$132
Room and board					
Mean (Average)	\$5,187	\$4,472	\$5,084	\$7,172	(B)
Standard error	\$175	\$232	\$233	\$524	(B)
Women					
Total cost					
Mean (Average)	\$5,069	\$5,313	\$7,048	\$6,247	\$1,754
Standard error	\$153	\$255	\$335	\$442	\$156
Tuition and fees					
Mean (Average)	\$4,136	\$4,121	\$5,423	\$5,030	\$1,770
Standard error	\$135	\$220	\$295	\$368	\$169
Books and supplies					
Mean (Average)	\$501	\$544	\$545	\$560	\$278
Standard error	\$17	\$32	\$20	\$58	\$22
Room and board					
Mean (Average)	\$4,575	\$4,389	\$4,393	\$5,655	(B)
Standard error	\$163	\$250	\$210	\$549	(B)
RACE/HISPANIC ORIGIN					
White					
Total cost					
Mean (Average)	\$5,533	\$5,779	\$7,805	\$7,097	\$1,679
Standard error	\$136	\$225	\$292	\$400	\$131
Tuition and fees					
Mean (Average)	\$4,455	\$4,424	\$5,883	\$5,557	\$1,708
Standard error	\$118	\$190	\$253	\$315	\$138
Books and supplies					
Mean (Average)	\$522	\$533	\$551	\$595	\$378
Standard error	\$19	\$22	\$20	\$53	\$70

Characteristic	Postsecondary schooling costs: all students				
	Total enrolled	Enrollment level			
		College years 1 to 2	College years 3 to 4	College years 5 and higher	Vocational, technical, business school, or other
Room and board					
Mean (Average)	\$4,830	\$4,443	\$4,728	\$6,333	\$3,373
Standard error	\$128	\$187	\$173	\$423	\$573
White non-Hispanic					
Total cost					
Mean (Average)	\$5,730	\$6,049	\$7,947	\$7,126	\$1,723
Standard error	\$146	\$243	\$303	\$411	\$144
Tuition and fees					
Mean (Average)	\$4,566	\$4,597	\$5,979	\$5,579	\$1,697
Standard error	\$124	\$205	\$261	\$324	\$147
Books and supplies					
Mean (Average)	\$535	\$548	\$556	\$609	\$390
Standard error	\$20	\$25	\$21	\$57	\$79
Room and board					
Mean (Average)	\$4,854	\$4,488	\$4,709	\$6,335	\$3,724
Standard error	\$132	\$193	\$175	\$443	\$609
Black					
Total cost					
Mean (Average)	\$4,802	\$4,928	\$6,233	\$6,225	\$2,029
Standard error	\$296	\$467	\$634	\$963	\$376
Tuition and fees					
Mean (Average)	\$4,041	\$4,025	\$4,952	\$4,589	\$2,274
Standard error	\$259	\$406	\$534	\$726	\$450
Books and supplies					
Mean (Average)	\$527	\$546	\$576	\$641	\$309
Standard error	\$40	\$57	\$73	\$190	\$42
Room and board					
Mean (Average)	\$5,299	\$4,803	\$5,047	(B)	(B)
Standard error	\$434	\$583	\$541	(B)	(B)
Asian and Pacific Islander					
Total cost					
Mean (Average)	\$7,071	\$6,460	\$7,033	\$12,393	\$2,918
Standard error	\$659	\$945	\$1,236	\$2,015	\$843
Tuition and fees					
Mean (Average)	\$5,639	\$5,323	\$5,290	\$8,865	\$3,082
Standard error	\$561	\$874	\$1,054	\$1,560	\$851
Books and supplies					
Mean (Average)	\$603	\$635	\$548	\$853	\$309
Standard error	\$61	\$87	\$82	\$217	\$95
Room and board					
Mean (Average)	\$5,050	(B)	(B)	(B)	(B)
Standard error	\$505	(B)	(B)	(B)	(B)
Hispanic (of any race)					
Total cost					
Mean (Average)	\$3,749	\$3,682	\$5,996	\$6,442	\$1,480
Standard error	\$345	\$478	\$1,017	\$1,552	\$294
Tuition and fees					
Mean (Average)	\$3,373	\$3,023	\$4,663	\$5,162	\$1,967
Standard error	\$332	\$468	\$892	\$1,224	\$390
Books and supplies					
Mean (Average)	\$411	\$439	\$479	\$403	\$286
Standard error	\$28	\$44	\$46	\$61	\$69

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	Total enrolled	Enrollment level			
		College years 1 to 2	College years 3 to 4	College years 5 and higher	Vocational, technical, business school, or other
Room and board					
Mean (Average)	\$4,448	\$3,885	\$4,925	\$6,291	\$869
Standard error	\$536	\$665	\$927	\$1,400	\$628
AGE					
17 to 24 years					
Total cost					
Mean (Average)	\$7,754	\$7,112	\$9,646	\$11,375	\$3,358
Standard error	\$201	\$258	\$378	\$1,081	\$382
Tuition and fees					
Mean (Average)	\$6,059	\$5,472	\$7,291	\$8,791	\$3,477
Standard error	\$175	\$224	\$332	\$917	\$402
Books and supplies					
Mean (Average)	\$610	\$608	\$603	\$706	\$600
Standard error	\$21	\$24	\$24	\$108	\$176
Room and board					
Mean (Average)	\$4,522	\$4,411	\$4,601	\$5,234	(B)
Standard error	\$119	\$175	\$164	\$587	(B)
25 to 34 years					
Total cost					
Mean (Average)	\$4,761	\$2,593	\$5,282	\$9,147	\$1,699
Standard error	\$229	\$287	\$382	\$619	\$205
Tuition and fees					
Mean (Average)	\$3,805	\$2,068	\$3,872	\$6,780	\$1,805
Standard error	\$187	\$243	\$315	\$464	\$230
Books and supplies					
Mean (Average)	\$494	\$387	\$540	\$715	\$247
Standard error	\$30	\$45	\$49	\$85	\$26
Room and board					
Mean (Average)	\$5,701	(B)	\$5,058	\$6,732	(B)
Standard error	\$319	(B)	\$443	\$485	(B)
35 years and older					
Total cost					
Mean (Average)	\$2,465	\$2,288	\$3,641	\$4,113	\$1,206
Standard error	\$147	\$312	\$364	\$411	\$144
Tuition and fees					
Mean (Average)	\$2,175	\$1,799	\$2,969	\$3,391	\$1,194
Standard error	\$130	\$258	\$319	\$331	\$143
Books and supplies					
Mean (Average)	\$389	\$378	\$410	\$465	\$328
Standard error	\$37	\$57	\$34	\$69	\$87
Room and board					
Mean (Average)	\$6,511	(B)	(B)	(B)	(B)
Standard error	\$685	(B)	(B)	(B)	(B)
DEPENDENCY STATUS ³					
Dependent					
Total cost					
Mean (Average)	\$8,658	\$7,976	\$10,771	\$11,502	\$3,585
Standard error	\$262	\$321	\$499	\$1,835	\$586
Tuition and fees					
Mean (Average)	\$6,774	\$6,138	\$8,237	\$9,516	\$3,794
Standard error	\$230	\$280	\$443	\$1,601	\$618
Books and supplies					
Mean (Average)	\$617	\$630	\$611	\$716	\$451
Standard error	\$20	\$29	\$26	\$184	\$69

Characteristic	Postsecondary schooling costs: all students				
	Total enrolled	Enrollment level			
		College years 1 to 2	College years 3 to 4	College years 5 and higher	Vocational, technical, business school, or other
Room and board					
Mean (Average)	\$4,463	\$4,388	\$4,572	(B)	(B)
Standard error	\$124	\$179	\$179	(B)	(B)
Independent					
Total cost					
Mean (Average)	\$5,986	\$4,855	\$7,403	\$11,302	\$3,169
Standard error	\$290	\$373	\$511	\$1,345	\$505
Tuition and fees					
Mean (Average)	\$4,639	\$3,734	\$5,371	\$8,393	\$3,215
Standard error	\$246	\$319	\$422	\$1,120	\$528
Books and supplies					
Mean (Average)	\$597	\$546	\$585	\$701	\$747
Standard error	\$48	\$45	\$49	\$136	\$336
Room and board					
Mean (Average)	\$4,700	\$4,534	\$4,674	\$5,580	(B)
Standard error	\$290	\$557	\$364	\$792	(B)
LABOR FORCE STATUS					
Did not work					
Total cost					
Mean (Average)	\$7,006	\$6,493	\$9,793	\$11,694	\$2,342
Standard error	\$319	\$423	\$692	\$1,318	\$351
Tuition and fees					
Mean (Average)	\$5,791	\$5,098	\$7,742	\$8,968	\$2,536
Standard error	\$276	\$365	\$611	\$999	\$405
Books and supplies					
Mean (Average)	\$626	\$632	\$686	\$861	\$333
Standard error	\$36	\$52	\$65	\$155	\$40
Room and board					
Mean (Average)	\$5,136	\$4,649	\$5,088	\$6,859	(B)
Standard error	\$271	\$382	\$388	\$857	(B)
Worked full time					
Total cost					
Mean (Average)	\$4,470	\$4,727	\$6,506	\$5,720	\$1,532
Standard error	\$148	\$274	\$337	\$380	\$149
Tuition and fees					
Mean (Average)	\$3,638	\$3,646	\$4,870	\$4,458	\$1,582
Standard error	\$126	\$226	\$284	\$288	\$155
Books and supplies					
Mean (Average)	\$460	\$458	\$484	\$525	\$363
Standard error	\$25	\$29	\$24	\$58	\$91
Room and board					
Mean (Average)	\$5,020	\$4,418	\$4,771	\$6,899	(B)
Standard error	\$192	\$259	\$238	\$607	(B)
Worked part time					
Total cost					
Mean (Average)	\$6,524	\$6,395	\$7,798	\$10,152	\$2,003
Standard error	\$253	\$370	\$458	\$982	\$241
Tuition and fees					
Mean (Average)	\$5,114	\$4,952	\$5,818	\$7,667	\$1,985
Standard error	\$221	\$328	\$393	\$832	\$247
Books and supplies					
Mean (Average)	\$581	\$586	\$588	\$738	\$390
Standard error	\$21	\$29	\$28	\$108	\$54

Characteristic	Postsecondary schooling costs: all students				
	Total enrolled	Enrollment level			
		College years 1 to 2	College years 3 to 4	College years 5 and higher	Vocational, technical, business school, or other
Room and board					
Mean (Average)	\$4,535	\$4,284	\$4,484	\$5,627	(B)
Standard error	\$177	\$271	\$247	\$546	(B)
ANNUAL FAMILY INCOME					
Less than \$25,000					
Total cost					
Mean (Average)	\$6,055	\$4,844	\$8,133	\$11,720	\$2,247
Standard error	\$241	\$331	\$460	\$893	\$247
Tuition and fees					
Mean (Average)	\$4,754	\$3,764	\$5,817	\$8,233	\$2,416
Standard error	\$205	\$287	\$401	\$685	\$283
Books and supplies					
Mean (Average)	\$557	\$561	\$566	\$798	\$343
Standard error	\$28	\$48	\$34	\$111	\$38
Room and board					
Mean (Average)	\$4,879	\$4,021	\$4,576	\$6,515	(B)
Standard error	\$198	\$348	\$245	\$476	(B)
\$25,000 to \$49,999					
Total cost					
Mean (Average)	\$4,457	\$4,756	\$5,902	\$6,101	\$1,501
Standard error	\$197	\$321	\$421	\$611	\$185
Tuition and fees					
Mean (Average)	\$3,654	\$3,775	\$4,691	\$4,653	\$1,398
Standard error	\$168	\$280	\$373	\$450	\$157
Books and supplies					
Mean (Average)	\$520	\$508	\$524	\$584	\$476
Standard error	\$38	\$36	\$38	\$94	\$165
Room and board					
Mean (Average)	\$4,975	\$4,316	\$4,982	\$6,690	(B)
Standard error	\$307	\$400	\$448	\$907	(B)
\$50,000 and over					
Total cost					
Mean (Average)	\$5,839	\$6,655	\$8,140	\$5,841	\$1,612
Standard error	\$196	\$331	\$433	\$480	\$202
Tuition and fees					
Mean (Average)	\$4,778	\$5,093	\$6,250	\$4,962	\$1,733
Standard error	\$171	\$279	\$366	\$413	\$220
Books and supplies					
Mean (Average)	\$513	\$548	\$568	\$535	\$292
Standard error	\$21	\$26	\$30	\$66	\$69
Room and board					
Mean (Average)	\$4,844	\$4,645	\$4,781	\$6,319	(B)
Standard error	\$168	\$224	\$228	\$880	(B)

Footnotes:

¹ Based on all students, including those with zero costs in any component.

² Calculations based only on students with these costs. Room and board based only on students who reported living away from home.

³ Universe consists of students under 25 years old.

(B) Base less than 100,000. Derived number not shown.

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